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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the

application.

1. (Withdrawn) A system for stabilization of an implant in bone tissue of a human or an

animal, comprising an implant and a resorbable device adapted to be placed between the

implant and the bone tissue, wherein the resorbable device is of a shape suitable for

insertion into a cavity formed between the implant and the bone tissue after installation of

the implant, wherein the resorbable device is adapted to at least partially fill the cavity

and reduce movements of the implant relative to the bone tissue, and wherein the

resorbable device is adapted to be at least partially resorbed after the insertion over a

predetermined period of time, thereby allowing for ingrowth of the bone tissue into the

cavity.

2. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 1, wherein the resorbable device comprises a

resorbable polymer.

3. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The system of Claim 2, wherein the resorbable

polymer is comprises polylactide, polyglycolide, poly-L-lactic acid, polyglactin acid, or a

combination of two or more thereof.

4. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 2, wherein the resorbable device further

comprises calcium sulphate, calcium phosphate or a combination thereof.

5. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 2, wherein the resorbable device further

comprises a bioactive molecule.

6. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 5 wherein the bioactive molecule is a growth

factor or antibiotic.

7. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 1, wherein the resorbable device is a spacer of the

shape selected from the group consisting of a spherical shape, an oval shape, a

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rectangular shape, a trapezoid shape, a triangular shape, a conical shape, a tube shape, a

rod shape, a horseshoe shape, a U-shape, a ring shape, a toroid shape, a wedge shape, a

spike shape, an elongated shape, a shape having tapered edges and a shape having non-

tapered edges, and wherein the spacer is dimensioned to at least partially fill the cavity to

reduce movements of the implant relative to the bone.

8. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 1, wherein the resorbable device is adapted to

stabilize a joint prosthetic implant or a component thereof inserted during a joint

replacement surgery.

9. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 8, wherein the joint prosthetic implant or the

component thereof is a hip implant, a knee implant, a shoulder implant, or an elbow

implant, or a component thereof.

10. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 9, wherein the joint prosthetic implant or the

component thereof is inserted into an intramedullary canal of a tubular bone, and wherein

the resorbable device is adapted to be inserted into the cavity formed between the tubular

bone and the joint prosthetic implant or the component thereof after insertion of the

prosthetic implant into the intramedullary canal.

11. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 10, further comprising an orthopedic cable,

wherein the cable is tightened around the tubular bone, thereby tightening the bone

around the resorbable device and tightening the resorbable device against the joint

prosthetic implant or the component thereof.

12. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 10, further comprising an allograft bone,

resorbable granules, or a combination thereof, whereby the allograft bone or the

resorbable granules, or the combination thereof, are inserted into the cavity.

13. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 10, wherein the joint replacement surgery is

revision surgery.

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14. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 10, wherein the joint prosthetic implant is a hip

replacement comprising a femoral stem, wherein the femoral stem is adapted to be

inserted into the femoral canal, and wherein the resorbable device is adapted to be

inserted into the cavity between a proximal cortex of the femur and the femoral stem.

15-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) A hybrid resorbable device for stabilization of an implant

in bone tissue of a human or an animal, comprising at least one resorbable component

selected from the group consisting of a screw, a peg, a pin, a spike, a needle and a pin and

at least one non-resorbable component, wherein the at least one resorbable component is

adapted to be at least partially inserted into the bone tissue, thereby reducing movements

of the implant relative to the bone tissue, wherein the at least one resorbable component

and the at least one non-resorbable component are attached to each other, wherein the at

least one non-resorbable component is adapted to cover the at least one resorbable

component upon at least partial insertion of the at least one resorbable component into the

bone tissue, and wherein the at least one resorbable component is adapted to be at least

partially resorbed after the at least partial insertion over a predetermined period of time,

thereby allowing for ingrowth of the bone tissue into a space from which the resorbable

component has been resorbed.

25. (Previously Presented) The hybrid resorbable device of Claim 24, wherein the at

least one resorbable component comprises a resorbable polymer.

26. (Currently Amended) The hybrid resorbable device of Claim 25, wherein the

resorbable polymer is comprises polylactide, polyglycolide, poly-L-lactic acid,

polyglactin acid, or a combination of two or more thereof.

27. (Previously Presented) The hybrid resorbable device of Claim 25, wherein the

hybrid resorbable device further comprises a bioactive molecule.

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28. (Original) The hybrid resorbable device of Claim 27, wherein the bioactive

molecule is a growth factor or antibiotic.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The hybrid resorbable device of Claim 24, wherein the

hybrid resorbable device is a hybrid peg comprising a locking shoulder portion, and a peg

portion, and wherein the at least one non-resorbable component is [[a]] the locking

shoulder <u>portion</u>, and the at least one resorbable component is the peg <u>portion</u>.

31. (Currently Amended) The system hybrid resorbable device of Claim 24,

wherein the resorbable device is adapted to be inserted during a joint replacement

surgery.

32. (Currently Amended) The system hybrid resorbable device of Claim 31,

wherein the implant is device is adapted to stabilize a prosthetic implant selected from the

group consisting of a hip implant, a knee implant, a shoulder implant, or an elbow

implant.

33. (Previously Presented) A prosthetic implant system, comprising:

a prosthetic implant; and

a hybrid resorbable device for stabilization of the prosthetic implant in

bone tissue of a human or an animal, comprising at least one resorbable

component and at least one non-resorbable component, wherein the at least

one resorbable component is configured to be at least partially inserted into

the bone tissue, thereby reducing movements of the implant relative to the

bone tissue, wherein the at least one resorbable component and the at least

one non-resorbable component are joined, and wherein the at least one

non-resorbable component is configured to form a protective covering over

the at least one resorbable component upon at least partial insertion of the

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at least one resorbable component into the bone tissue, whereby the

resorbable component is at least partially resorbed after at least partial

insertion over a predetermined period of time, thereby allowing for

ingrowth of the bone tissue into a space from which the resorbable

component has been resorbed.

34. (Previously Presented) The prosthetic implant system of Claim 33, wherein the

at least one resorbable component comprises a resorbable polymer.

35. (Currently Amended) The prosthetic implant system of Claim 34, wherein the

resorbable polymer is comprises polylactide, polyglycolide, poly-L-lactic acid,

polyglactin acid, or a combination of two or more thereof.

36. (Original) The prosthetic implant system of Claim 34, wherein the resorbable

device further comprises a bioactive molecule.

37. (Original) The prosthetic implant system of Claim 36 wherein the bioactive

molecule is a growth factor or antibiotic.

38. (Previously Presented) The prosthetic implant system of Claim 33, wherein the

at least one resorbable component is selected from the group consisting of a screw, a peg,

a pin, a needle, a spike and a fin.

39. (Previously Presented) The prosthetic implant system of Claim 33, wherein the

hybrid resorbable device is adapted to be inserted during a joint replacement surgery.

40. (Currently Amended) The prosthetic implant system of Claim 39, wherein the implant

is a hip implant, a knee implant, a shoulder implant, [[or]] an elbow implant, or a

component thereof.

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41. (Original) The prosthetic implant system of Claim 40, wherein the implant is an

acetabular component of a hip implant comprising openings, and the hybrid resorbable

device is inserted through the openings into the bone.

42.-51 (Cancelled)

52. (Previously Presented) The prosthetic implant system of Claim 33, wherein the

hybrid resorbable device is a hybrid peg, comprising a locking shoulder portion, and a

peg portion, and wherein the at least one non-resorbable component is the locking

shoulder portion, and the at least one non-resorbable component is the peg portion.

53. (Withdrawn) The hybrid resorbable device of Claim 24, wherein the at least one non-

resorbable component is an acetabular component of a hip implant, and the at least one

resorbable component is a spike.

54. (Previously Presented) The prosthetic implant system of Claim 33, wherein the

at least one resorbable component and the at least one non-resorbable component are

attached to each other by molding, ultrasonic welding, or heat pressing.

55. (Previously Presented) The hybrid resorbable device of Claim 24, wherein the at

least one resorbable component and the at least one non-resorbable component are joined

by molding, ultrasonic welding or heat pressing.

56. (Previously Presented) The prosthetic implant system of Claim 33, wherein the

at least one resorbable component and the at least one non-resorbable component are

attached to each other mechanically.

57. (Previously Presented) The hybrid resorbable device of Claim 24, wherein the at

least one resorbable component and the at least one non-resorbable component are joined

mechanically.

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58. (Withdrawn) A system for stabilization of a femoral component of a prosthetic hip,

comprising the femoral component of the prosthetic hip having a femoral stem, and a

resorbable spacer of a shape suitable for insertion into a cavity formed between the

femoral stem and a femoral bone of a human or an animal after insertion of the femoral

component into an intramedullary canal of the femoral bone, thereby at least partially

filling the cavity and reducing movements of the femoral component relative to the

femoral bone.

59. (Withdrawn) The system of Claim 58, wherein the cavity is located in a proximal

aspect of the femur.

60. (Withdrawn) A system for stabilization of a femoral component of a prosthetic hip,

comprising the femoral component of a prosthetic hip having a femoral stem, having a

proximal portion and a distal portion, the distal portion dimensioned for a distal fixation,

and a resorbable spacer adapted to at least partially immobilize the proximal portion of

the femoral stem upon the distal fixation of the distal portion.

61. (Previously Presented) A hybrid resorbable device for stabilization of an

implant, comprising at least one resorbable component selected from the group consisting

of a screw, a peg, a pin, a spike, a needle and a pin and at least one non-resorbable

component on an opposite side of the at least one resorbable component, wherein the at

least one resorbable component and the at least one non-resorbable component are

attached to each other.

62. (Withdrawn) A system for stabilization of an implant in bone tissue of a human or an

animal, comprising an implant and a spacer adapted to be placed between the implant and

the bone tissue, wherein the spacer is of a shape suitable for insertion into a cavity

formed between the implant and the bone tissue after installation of the implant, wherein

the shape is selected from the group consisting of a spherical shape, an oval shape, a

rectangular shape, a trapezoid shape, a triangular shape, a conical shape, a tube shape, a

rod shape, a horseshoe shape, a U-shape, a ring shape, a toroid shape, a wedge shape, a

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spike shape, an elongated shape, a shape having tapered edges and a shape having non-tapered edges, wherein the spacer is dimensioned to at least partially fill the cavity and reduce movements of the implant relative to the bone tissue.